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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: MBFR: NAC DISCUSSION NOVEMBER 20 OF EASTERN FREEZE
PROPOSAL

REF: A) USNATO 6605; B) USNATO 6633; C) MBFR VIENNA 454

1. SUMMARY:
NAC ON NOVEMBER 29 RECEIVED REGULARLY SCHEDULED BRIEFING BY
AD HOC GROUP REPRESENTATIVES ON PROGRESS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS IN
VIENNA. AMBASSADOR RESOR (U.S.) WAS THE PRINCIPAL AHG SPOKESMAN.
HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY AMBASSADOR BEHRENDS (FRG) AND AMBASSADOR TUREL
(TURKEY). DISCUSSION CENTERED ON THE EASTERN "FREEZE" PROPOSAL,
BELGIAN, DUTCH, FRG, ITALIAN , UK, DANISH, AND CANADIAN
REPS SAID THAT ALTHOUGH EASTERN FREEZE PROPOSAL IS UNACCEP-
TABLE, ALLIES SHOULD NOT REJECT IT OUT OF HAND, BECAUSE OF
POSSIBLE ADVERSE EFFECTS ON PUBLIC OPINION. CONSENSUS IN NAC
WAS THAT IF EAST RAISES THE PROPOSAL AGAIN, AHG SHOULD FOR THE
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TIME BEING SIMPLY REFER TO THE PRELIMINARY REACTIONS WHICH IT
HAS ALREADY GIVEN THE EAST. SPC SHOULD BEGIN ON MONDAY, DECEMBER
2 ON A PRIORITY BASIS TO CONSIDER ALLIED REACTION, INCLUDING
WHETHER AN ALLIED COUNTER-PROPOSAL IS DESIRABLE, AND IF SO, WHAT

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SHOULD BE THE CONTENT OF A COUNTER-PROPOSAL. NAC APPEARED TO ACCEPT
THE VIEW THAT DEVELOPMENT OF PRESS GUIDANCE, IN CASE THE EAST GOES
PUBLIC WITH ITS FREEZE PROPOSAL, IS A MATTER FOR AHG WORK.

2. BEGIN COMMENT: MISSION STATED IN REF A ITS VIEW ON THE
EASTERN PROPOSAL, AND ITS BELIEF THAT EXISTING NAC GUIDANCE
IS ADEQUATE FOR AHG REACTION TO THE EASTERN PROPOSAL.
HOWEVER, THERE IS SOME SENTIMENT AMONG THE ALLIES IN FAVOR OF
A COUNTER-PROPOSAL. MISSION REQUESTS GUIDANCE IN TIME FOR DECEMBER
2 SPC MEETING ON U.S. VIEW REGARDING ALLIES RESPONSE TO EASTERN
FREEZE PROPOSAL, INCLUDING U.S. VIEW ON DESIRABILITY OF A COUNTER-
PROPOSAL, AND POSSIBLE ELEMENTS OF A COUNTER-PROPOSAL, IF
WASHINGTON JUDGES ONE DESIRABLE. END COMMENT REMAINDER OF
THIS MESSAGE TRANSMITTED SEPTEL. END SUMMARY.
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